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TODAY'S WEATHER: Fresh Northerly winds; cloudy with occasional patches of drizzle.
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Plane Crashes In Flames

3 Die In Brazil Coast Disaster

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 5.—The British South American Airways here confirmed tonight that three people were killed when the airliner, Star Venture, crashed in flames near the coast of Brazil today.

The aircraft, a York, carried nine passengers and a crew of six. All the latter were reported safe. The plane crashed at Caravelas, Brazil.

The London headquarters of BSA telephoned to Rio this afternoon but were unable to confirm the casualties. All the crew, including two air hostesses, were known to be safe.

The BSAA tonight signalled a plane bound for São Paulo to make a special landing at Caravelas to pick up uninjured passengers and take them on to Montevideo.

FIRE ON PLANE

The plane left London Airport for Rio de Janeiro last Monday and took off from Natal at the Brazilian coast early today. Three women and two men passengers on board when the Star Venture left London were Mr. J. Christoforini (Italian) and Mrs. L. Christoforini (Italian), travelling from Genoa to Santiago; Mrs. E. R. Llauder (German), for Rio; Dr. Ann Gibson (British), for Montevideo; and R. Kinnaird (British) for Santiago.

The plane might have taken on more passengers at its stopping places—Lisbon, Dakar and Natal.

The British South American Airways station in London tonight that there had been a fire on the wreckage but did not know whether this caused the crash or was the result of it.

The "Star Gleam," the plane which was diverted to go to the rescue of the survivors, was seven hours flying time behind the crashed aircraft.—Reuter.

ANOTHER DISASTER

Colma, California, Jan. 5.—Seven men were killed and another was believed missing in the crash of a two-engined air force transport plane near here on Tuesday night.—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

The Taxicab Strike

TUESDAY night's meeting of the taxicab strikers did nothing towards raising hopes of an early settlement. On the contrary the intractable attitude of the strikers shows that the dispute has assumed serious proportions and, judged by the tone of the meeting, there is room to wonder whether the men are allowing themselves to be easily advised by their leaders. The complaining drivers certainly do their cause no good in the eyes of the public when they suggest that the Labour Office is biased in favour of the employers, and that the Traffic Department is siding with the taxi companies by granting special driving licences to new drivers and failing to take action against them when they become involved in accidents. This state of mind is mischievous and indicates that the strikers are losing their sense of balance. From the very start of the dispute the dissatisfied drivers have possessed one weak link in their case—they have yet to satisfy neutral observers that their working conditions constitute hardship. And the compromise offer now made by the employers is an insufficient inducement for them to settle the controversy. The question of reinstatement is, without doubt, ticklish. The companies maintain they owe a moral obligation to the emergency drivers to retain their services when the strike is over, and this prevents them from offering immediate reinstatement to all the strikers. But here again there should be ways and means of reaching a fair compromise. While some of the emergency drivers are skilled, many others are anything but confident in handling their vehicles, and in the interests of public safety alone it would be reasonable to weed out those whose competence as drivers is doubtful. This would make way for the

Reds Threaten Nanking Regime With "Complete Destruction"

PEACE OFFER REJECTED BY SHENSI RADIO

Chiang Appeal Described As Ridiculous

London, Jan. 5.—The Chinese Communists were reported to threaten Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's Nanking regime with "complete destruction." A North Shensi Chinese Communist broadcast monitored in San Francisco said that the Communist forces would "carry the revolution to the very end."

The broadcast said Generalissimo Chiang's New Year peace overture was "aimed at preserving the Chinese reactionaries and American aggressive forces in China." The Radio added: "Only a million and several hundred thousand Kuomintang combat troops remain to face a People's Liberation Army of more than three million strong."

"The people's war is approaching final victory, which means the complete destruction of the Kuomintang reactionaries and the expulsion of the forces of American imperial aggression from China."

The Radio added: "The fact that China's No. 1 criminal (the Communist term for President Chiang Kai-shek) appealed for 'peace' is not only ridiculous, but further exposes the true face of these peace plots."

"It reveals that the Kuomintang (Government) regime is down but not completely out, and the American imperialist forces of aggression in China are in desperate need of a breathing spell."

The Communist broadcast threatened an imminent assault on Peiping, but offered General Fu Tien-yi, the Nationalist Commander-in-Chief in North China, a guarantee that the lives and property of himself and his men would be spared if he would surrender at once.

The Red Army "will permit him to alone," said the broadcast.

General Fu has been branded as a war criminal, along with President Chiang Kai-shek, and other Government leaders.

The broadcast also threatened a general assault on Tientsin and

Tangku, the two other North China position still holding out against Communist encirclement.—Reuter.

EIGHT RULES

Shanghai, Jan. 6.—The Red radio rejection of the Generalissimo's peace offer was followed within a few hours yesterday by the delivery by mail in Shanghai of the inflammatory Communist tabloid newspaper, "Huach San Pao." Student News, published by the Student League in Shanghai.

The timing of the issuance as well as the contents was considered significant. In prominent position on the front page were eight rules laid down by the Reds applicable to "liberated" cities and a song with music and words entitled "Our Soldiers Are Coming."

The publication, bearing no address, was sent by the ordinary mails.

Other items included were a list of 43 "war criminals," a charge that General Tu Yu-min, used poison gas in the battle of Hsiaowu, and statements on Red victories.

DOOR LOCKED

The Red radio's flat rejection of any peace suggestions from Nanking was interpreted as locking the door which had already been slammed by earlier rejections. The decision, which this time seems to be pretty final, was not unexpected on the basis of earlier broadcasts, first rejecting Premier Sun Fo's "honourable peace" offer and later in a statement denouncing the peace offensive as inspired by "American imperialism" supported by the British and French.

As it now stands, about the sole comfort the Generalissimo can get from the rejection is the knowledge that the Communists now can be held up before the nation as responsible for continuing the civil war.

If the broadcast is accepted by the government as official, then the Generalissimo's promise to continue

plans to remobilize and revitalise the country south of the Yangtze will have to be translated into action.

CLUM REACTION

The first unoffical reaction from Nanking was one of giddiness on the part of those who have taken the most active part in the peace offensive.

Some observers, however, were wondering if Mao Tze-tung, Chou En-lai and other leaders had time to digest the import of the growing amount of appeals directed toward them outside the government to accept peace offers.

In Shanghai, anticipating a Red refusal of peace, the City Council chairman, Pan Kung-chuan, leader of Shanghai's self-defence organisations, warned that there are only two ways by which Shanghai may remain peaceful: "One is to offer ourselves submissively to accept peace at the dictates of the rebels, and at the same time bearing all tyranny and cattle-like hardship which would be brought about by the Reds. The other way, is to achieve genuine peace and Shanghai will have to support the government's will to fight for its realisation.—Reuter.

SEVERE FIGHTING

Tientsin, Jan. 6.—The increasing Communist movement around Tien-

SIX BURNED TO DEATH IN FARMHOUSE FIRE

Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, Jan. 5.—A British war bride, her husband, their young son and three other persons were burned to death early today in a farmhouse fire believed to have started when chickens upset a kerosene brooder stove on the front porch.

The victims were Mrs. Theresa Lick, who came from Edinburgh, Scotland, her husband Percy, 30, their son Vincent, five, Percy's brother George and two others.

The fire levelled a two-storey cinder, brick and frame house occupied by three families. Six other occupants escaped in their nightclothes or were rescued by relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lick's baby son, Michael, two, who was believed to have been tossed out of a window, was treated in hospital for burns.—United Press.

INVASION OF EGYPT ADMITTED

Jews Said Ready To Cease Fire

Tel-Aviv, Jan. 5.—Israeli troops invaded 30 miles into Egypt and then withdrew, a government spokesman said tonight. At the same time, a private source reported the Jews had accepted the UN Security Council's cease fire order.

The Israeli Cabinet held a meeting tonight at which decisive action on the cease fire apparently was taken. All the Ministers refused to talk, but they did not deny that a cease fire decision had been made.

The timing and other details of the cease fire apparently would be fixed by UN Truce Observers, in co-operation with the Israeli and Egyptian military commanders.

An Israeli Foreign Office spokesman who refused to be quoted by name said Jewish troops, which entered Egypt in a three-day battle, had withdrawn, according to plan, after killing or wounding several hundred Egyptians and taking several hundred more prisoners.

MILITARY BASE ATTACKED

He said the Israeli force had reached El Arish, a strong Egyptian military base including airfields and other installations about 90 miles from the Suez Canal. The spokesman said Egyptian material taken or destroyed included several Bren gun carriers, artillery pieces, gasoline and oil stocks and other stores.

(In Cairo the Egyptian war ministry said tonight Egyptian forces repulsed Israeli attacks on Egyption positions near Rafah. The enemy suffered considerable losses in lives and armoured cars, the ministry said.)

Israeli military sources said that before reaching the El Arish district Jewish armoured infantry supported by artillery and aircraft had occupied the important road junction of Abu Awugila.

PLANES CAPTURED

Several Egyptian planes were captured on the El Arish airfields.

"There was never at any time any action on the part of Israel to occupy Egyptian territory," the spokesman declared. He said the penetration was made by troops in hot pursuit of the fleeing enemy.

He added that "Israel has no claims to the territory of other countries. It had but one desire—the cessation of hostilities and negotiations for a permanent peace."

The spokesman denounced what he called an "Anti-Israel Diplomatic Campaign" that the British government has been conducting in Washington.—Associated Press.

Indonesian Govt's Conditions For Resuming Talks With Dutch

London, Jan. 5.—The Republican Emergency Government, "somewhere in Sumatra," is conditionally prepared to resume talks with the Dutch under the supervision of the United Nations Good Offices Committee, the Indonesian Republican representative in Canberra said today.

The representative, Dr. R. Usman, added that the Emergency Government is also prepared to order a cease fire throughout Java and Sumatra.

CANTON TRAIN 11 HOURS LATE

Last night's express train from Canton scheduled to reach Hongkong at 8:05 did not arrive until 7 o'clock this morning because the workers on the Chinese section refused to operate the train until they had been paid their December wages.

However, it appears that the dispute has now been settled, inasmuch that the normal service has been restored.

The up trains for Canton left as usual today, while the first down train also came in according to schedule.

AUSTRALIA ACCEPTS

The Dutch announced in Batavia today that military action against the Republicans in Sumatra ended at noon (local time). Java operations ended on Saturday.

Australia has accepted India's invitation to a conference on Indonesia in New Delhi. In Wellington, the New Zealand Finance Minister, Mr. Walter Nash, said his Government is "considering" the invitation.

Jonkheer M. Michels, Van Verduynen, the Dutch Ambassador to London with a special mission to Indonesia, arrived at Batavia Airport from Singapore today by air.

It was reported from The Hague that Dr. Willem Drees, the Dutch Prime Minister, is expected to take an early opportunity to consider the five conditions laid down by Dr. Usman for the resumption of talks on the situation in Indonesia.

It was felt at The Hague that the conditions were neither "extraordinary nor impossible." It was thought that the first, release of the Republican leaders under detention, might be an accomplished fact before Dr. Drees arrives in Batavia, probably on Sunday.

It was thought that the second condition—the withdrawal of Dutch troops to positions held on December 18 before the Dutch began their "police action"—was not likely to be agreed to.—Reuter.

COUNCIL TO MEET

Lake Success, Jan. 5.—The Security Council will meet on Friday to consider the Indonesian question and the Council's seven nation Palestine Committee would meet on Friday morning.

The Chinese question was raised when a reporter asked Mr. Li whether he and Dr. Herbert V. Evatt of Australia, President of the Assembly, intended to do anything about stopping the war in China.

"I have not talked with Dr. Evatt," Mr. Li said. "I don't know what I can do but I will consider the whole question."

Mr. Li was then asked:

"Do you think it feasible for the UN to offer its good offices in China?"

"Let me consider that and give you my answer at my next press conference," Mr. Li replied.

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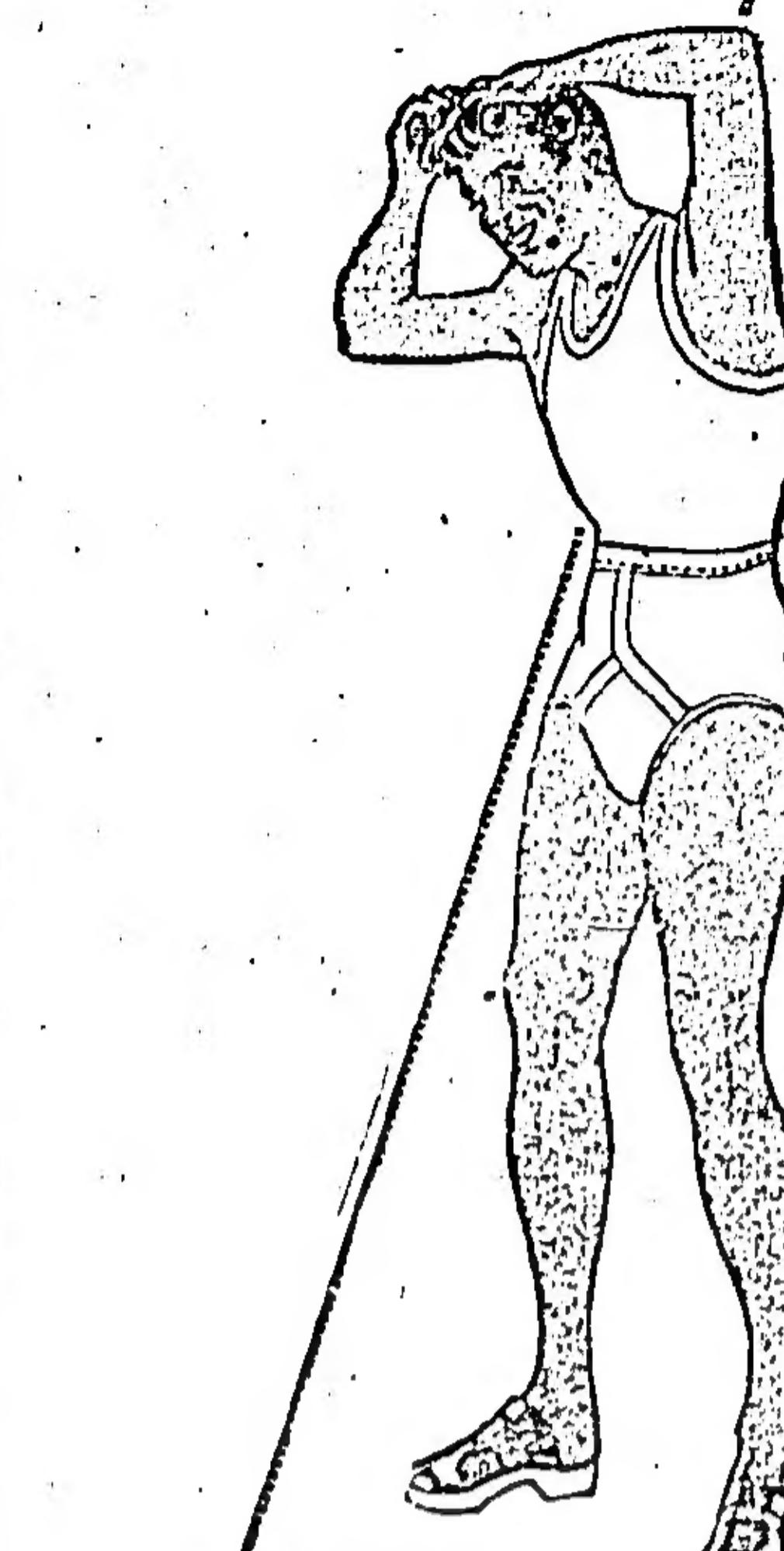
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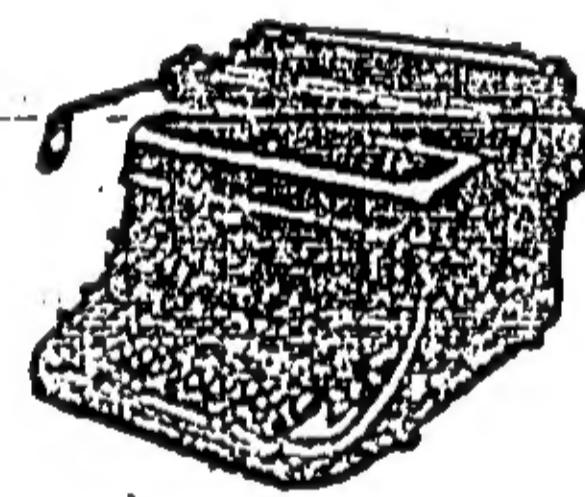
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By GRACE THORNLIFFE

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Relief for Motion Sickness

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

THE problem of preventing motion sickness assumed great importance just before the invasion of Europe. This all-important campaign had to be launched across the English channel, one of the roughest bodies of water in the world, and the men who executed it had to hit the beachheads in fighting trim. For this reason a great deal of study was devoted to finding ways of preventing the dizziness, sickness at-the-stomach—and-vomiting which are the classic symptoms of motion sickness.

Drugs used for relieving the symptoms of either air or seasickness should prevent the symptoms without producing any other effects. They should be active when taken by mouth, and they should begin their action quickly after they are taken. The drugs should not be toxic or poisonous, nor should they be habit-forming, nor cause any disagreeable symptoms.

Similar Drugs

In general, the drugs which have been used for seasickness are similar to those employed for seasickness. Most of them have the effect of depressing nerve sensitivity or of stimulating the action of certain nerves.

The drugs which seem to be most useful are atropine, hyoscymine and hyosine. However, the atropine and hyoscymine cause dryness of the mouth to a greater extent than does the hyosine. Hence, this last named preparation has been employed most frequently. It also seems to be effective in seasickness. The actual duration of the action of this drug is not known, but it would appear that it is effective for approximately six hours.

There are many who believe that the other drugs, such as the barbiturates, which depress the nervous system, are of value in motion sickness and particularly seasickness. There are also some who think that a mixture of the hyosine and hyoscymine may give better effects with less danger of unpleasant reactions.

It must be remembered that the tolerance to these preparations varies in different persons. After one dose of the preparation is taken, it is usually advised that another dose should not be employed for about eight hours or more, and the second dose should be about half as much as the first one.

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In 1902 Marie Hall's appearance at the Queen's Hall as soloist in the Tchaikovsky violin concerto created a great sensation, but our 50 percent of the soloists at our orchestral concerts nowadays are women.

In their very different ways Dame Myra Hess and Eileen Joyce are probably among the biggest box-office draws for pianists in England, while Ginette Neveu is in the front rank of international violinists.

It is all very exciting for women, but until quite recently their creative work in music has not been up to their achievements as instrumentalists.

It was Ethel Smyth who altered all that. Born in 1858, she was studying in Leipzig at the end of the 70s and her compositions were being performed in London as early as 1890.

Her Mass in D, given in 1893 at the Albert Hall, put women unambiguously on the map as composers for the first time.

She was a lion-hearted advocate of women's suffrage, and two suffragette marching-songs bear witness to the ardour of her convictions. Two months imprisonment for her suffragette misdemeanours were followed eleven years later by the feminine equivalent of a knighthood for her

**NEW LOOK FOR
U.S. NAVY**



A new official evening gown approved for U.S. women navy officers was shown in Washington by Florence Knaus of Teaneck, N.J., a professional model. The outfit will not be available for formal wear until a new dress uniform has been approved for male officers.

FASHION NEWSREEL

by PATRICIA LENNARD

And now—the OMNIBUS LOOK

PRINCESS MARGARET'S enthusiasm for clothes is No. 1 topic at Molyneux, Royal economy: "Many of her furs for Australia will be received by her mother's and sister's."

HAIR CULTURE BY POST is the idea of a Mayfair hairdresser ("I have personally handled nearly one million samples of hair"). Postal questionnaire (fee 10s. 6d.) completed and returned with a sample of hair, is analysed for advice on conditioning, permanent waving, tinting.

PHOTO-FABRICS are being marketed by a London firm who print photographs on handkerchiefs, scarves, silk Christmas cards. Images can be printed only on smooth, fluffy surfaces—silk, nylon, thin metal foil. Cost of first photo-fabric handkerchief is 2/6. Following handkerchiefs cost about 3s. each. Photoprints are also made on glass, porcelain, wood.

BOOM in maternity dress shows on accompanied the Royal birth.

One show features models on a mother-to-be.

Cap Hairdo the Newest Thing



Courtesy Guru, N.Y.
A smart adoption of the cap coiffure is this hairdo designed by a famous New York hair stylist.

By HELEN FOLLETT

If you have flattened an uppty hairdo, and have an idea that it is a mode that makes one look older—and it often does, you may like to change to the cap hairdo. It is an cute as a cupcake and the newest thing for winter. Wool cutting is going on space. The short crop is popular again. Madame Fashion is treating us as if we were her pets. Let's have anything we want in the way of a coiffure. Long hair, short hair, all bulation and the ends of the hair at the nape line are turned under. If you have a knack of making pin curls, this style will appeal to you. Do flat ringlets at night. Brush them out in the morning, turn them under. They'll stay put all day. Rag-tags or bob tails flying about.

Short and simple! That seems the rule. And there's something else. You can have two comb-outs. In the day time the waves snuggle close to the head in the over-the-ears fashion. For an elegant evening attire, a crest of curls tumbles from the forehead to the centre of the nape line in a new semi-updo trend.

The figure silhouette should be considered from the crown of the head to the tips of the toes when selecting a coiffure design. Hair stylists claim that, by means of right hairdo, a tall woman can look shorter, a short one taller, a thin one more curved, the plump more slender.

These cap modes feature wide wave lines on the crown, flat sculptured curls, front, back and side. Or the entire head has a wide un-

**Tips On Buying
Rainwear**

By ELEANOR ROSS

Since we women act as purchasing agents for the family it is up to us to get the best possible value for our money and to shop just as conscientiously as though we were buying for a firm or store. Buy wisely according to your needs.

Avoid bargains just because they are mark-downs. Unless the items are needed or can be put away against future use without deteriorating in quality, don't buy.

Read Labels

Whatever you do buy, know as much as possible about the merchandise. Become a professional label and tag reader. Go in for brand names, read grade labels and instructions carefully before buying.

Take the matter of rainwear, for instance. Read the label carefully on a raincoat before you buy, to make sure of the kind of protection you can expect from it. Consult the label also to learn how the coat should be cleaned, whether the finish is permanent or will be lost in dry cleaning or washing. Eschew rainwear that is not so tagged or labelled.

For wear in heavy rain, a garment marked "waterproof" gives the best protection. Such a garment has a finish that actually seals out water. Note whether the thread used for stitching also is waterproof to make sure dampness will not enter at the seams. Professional buyers check such items with great care, otherwise the store would be loaded with "returns" all the time. While a really waterproof garment seals out water, it also seals out air which makes it hot and uncomfortable in all but very temperate weather. Such a garment should have holes or slits under the arms for some ventilation.

Not Complete Protection

A coat marked "water-repellent" is usually best for general wear. While it gives shower protection, it does not offer complete protection in a torrential downpour. Such coats are often made of firmly woven cotton fabric or rayon gabardine with a water-repellent finish. Before buying, consult the label to learn whether such a finish is permanent, since some finishes tend to disappear gradually with wear or are dissolved in dry cleaning or laundering. Then the garment is no longer a raincoat until it has been refinished.

Many women have discovered that the thin plastic raincoats and caps which can be folded up and carried in a handbag meet the problem of shower protection best. Plastic materials do not soil easily and can be sponged off with soap and water. But remember never to use cleaning fluids on plastics or rubberised fabrics.

Let's Eat

BY
IDA BAILEY ALLEN

Curing An Eating Problem

RIIGHT eating has grown into a formidable science, with nutritional charts, caloric measurements, and studies of the effect of vitamins, minerals and enzymes on the human system. But nevertheless for generations, homemakers have had flashes of nutritional intuition that were later substantiated by professional research. For instance, the use of greens as a spring tonic; apples as a bed-time snack; or plenty of sauerkraut in winter-time meals.

Then there was the case of a little four-year-old boy, who after a long illness, in spite of the doctor's care and his mother's vigilance, simply would not eat.

Hourly Snack

A kindly old neighbour heard of this plight and suggested, of all things, an hourly snack of a single cookie (she called it "card gingerbread") with a half glass of milk. "Be sure he dips the cookie in the milk," she said. "I'll make the milk go down easier, and will give him something to do. And no matter how hard he begs for a second cookie, don't give it to him. Show him on the clock when he can have another. That'll give him something to look forward to."

So eight times every day for a week, the boy dunked a "card" gingerbread in a half glass of milk. In that way he consumed a quart of milk and eight good-sized cookies a day. At the end of the week, orange juice, apple sauce and a baked potato were added; then chopped cooked vegetables, whole grain cereals, scraped beef and baked custard. His appetite was completely restored and he was well.

Dinner

Lettuce with Garden Salad Dressing
Liver Saute Crisp Bacon
Quick Creamed Potatoes
Paralleled Onions

Card Gingerbread Cream Cheese
Coffee or Tea Milk (Children)
All Measurements Are Level
Recipes Serve Four

Lettuce with Garden Salad Dressing

Wash and crisp lettuce; if possible, slice or cut in wedges; otherwise form the leaves into "heats." Arrange individually; spoon over 2 tbsp. garden salad dressing.

To 1/2 c. well-seasoned mayonnaise or salad dressing, add the following raw vegetables previously put through the medium blade of the food chopper: 1 peeled, scraped carrot, 4 red radishes, 3 springs parsley, 1 scallion with 2 in. of the top, and 1/2 a peeled, small white turnip.

Parsled Onions

Peel 3 medium-sized, mild-flavored onions for each person. Place

To make hurry-up creamed potatoes, put 3 c. fine-diced cooked potatoes into a saucepan; with a fork lightly mix in 2 1/2 tbsp. flour, 1 tsp. scraped onion, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper and 1 tbsp. margarine. Then stir in 1 1/2 c. milk. Cook until thickened, stirring occasionally.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



CAMERA APPEAL—The Countess of Kenmare, centre, accompanied by her daughter, Patricia Cavendish, right, and niece, Judy Lindeman of Sydney, Australia, arrives in New York en route to Nassau, Bahamas. They are accompanied by the Countess' poodles, Jeep, Pepe, and Bambi.



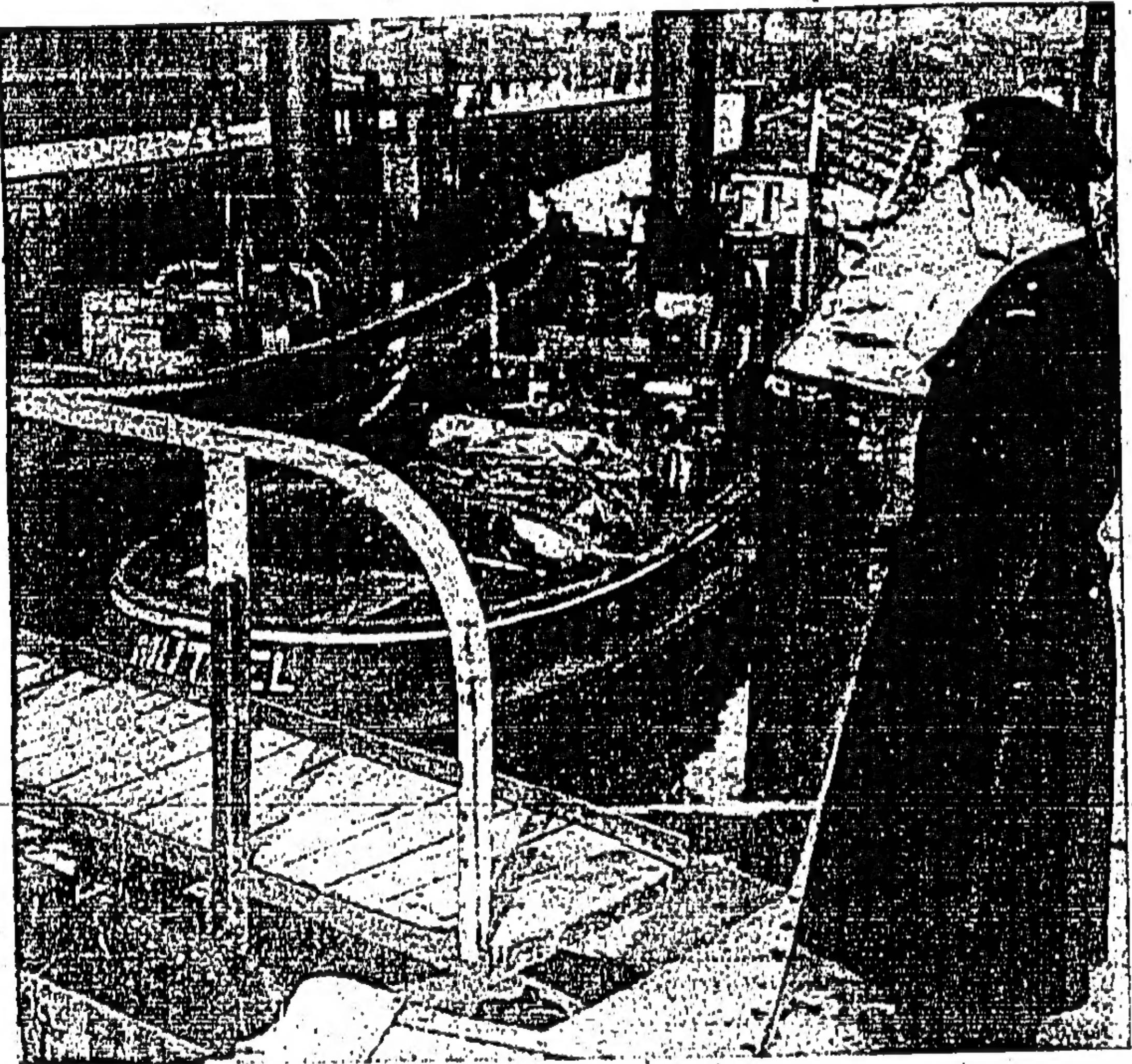
ROYALTY CHATS—Princess Margaret leans over to talk with the Queen at the Anglo-Danish Society's reception in connection with an art exhibition in London. Princess Margaret, of Denmark, left, smiles approvingly.



SUITED FOR YOUTH—Actress Dorothy Malone models a young bolero suit designed for her latest picture.



THE FINAL TOUCH—Miss Irene Stute of Phoenix, Arizona, brushes the hair of M. W. Larry Domino, 37th, for the Phoenix Beef Show. Domino's owners once refused \$52,000 for him.



WATCHFUL EYE—A water safety policeman patrolling Spandau Lock in western Berlin looks down on tugs towing barges to the Russian zone. The German police are guarding the canal and locks to prevent raids from the eastern zone.



CELLULOID BEAUTY—It is easy to see why actress Arlene Dahl is regarded as one of the reigning beauties of the screen.



TONS BY THE MINUTE—The Colmol, a giant mechanical mole capable of digging and loading from three to five tons of coal a minute, moves forward under its own power as it discharges a stream of coal from a conveyor belt in New Lexington, Ohio. Interested parties watch the new and powerful mining tool, and wonder on its significance.



THE INNOCENTS OF WAR—Mrs Jefferson Patterson, centre, wife of the U.S. Charge D'Affaires in Cairo, helps Mrs George Calambokidis, left, and Mrs Samuel Gillstrap cut clothing for Arab children in Palestine. About 50 American women meet twice weekly at Mrs Patterson's Egyptian home for this charity work.

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House Sale During Japanese Occupation

JUDGMENT AND COSTS FOR PLAINTIFF

Judgment for plaintiff was given by the Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, in the Supreme Court this morning in an action for breach of warrant of title concerning a house in Kowloon during the Japanese occupation.

The plaintiff was Mrs Lee Yu-kee, of No. 3 Upper Lascar Row, and the defendant was Yau Siu-yuet, alias Yau Po-cheuk, of No. 54 Queen's Road Central, ground floor.

Mr H. G. Sheldon, KC, instructed by Mr G. S. Ford was for the plaintiff, while defendant was represented by Mr Percy Chen, instructed by Mr A. el Arculli.

The statement of claim disclosed that in July, 1946, the defendant represented himself to be an agent of one Choy Chuen-kam by virtue of a Power of Attorney alleged to have been made by Choy on May 16, 1945, and whereby the defendant as such agent was authorised to sell property at 315 Reclamation Street, Kowloon, registered in the Land Office as K.L. No. 3882 as the property of Choy.

Delivering judgment, his Lordship said:

In this action the plaintiff Lee Yu-kee claims damages against the defendant Yau Siu-yuet on the ground that the defendant warranted his authority as agent and attorney of Choy Chuen-kam to sell a house No. 315 Reclamation Street, Kowloon (belonging to Choy Chuen-kam) to the plaintiff, whereas in fact the defendant had no such authority.

It is common ground that in May, 1945 (some four months before the end of the Japanese occupation) the defendant consulted a local solicitor, Mr Peter Sin, and handed him a power of attorney purporting to have been executed in China in the presence of the head of the local Council by Choy Chuen-kam in favour of defendant authorising defendant to sell the house in question. He also gave the solicitor the documents. Through a broker, the plaintiff's husband and defendant were put in touch and negotiations for the sale put in hand. Mr Sin acted for both parties throughout all negotiations and advised them on each point.

He told the parties that the power of attorney was not acceptable to the Japanese House Registration Office and did not therefore believe that defendant had authority to act, and secondly that, by reason of the terms of the agreement for sale itself, the plaintiff cannot recover the damages claimed.

EVIDENCE OF OFFICIAL

For his first proposition he relies on *Habbot v. Leng* 70 L.J. Ch. 125. Mr Chen's point is that the plaintiff knew the defendant's power of attorney was not acceptable to the Japanese House Registration Office and did not therefore believe that defendant had authority to act, and secondly that, by reason of the terms of the agreement for sale itself, the plaintiff cannot recover the damages claimed.

CLAIM FOR RENT

Then as regards the claim for rent, the plaintiff has claimed for the period October 1, 1945 to January 31, 1948. Presumably, the date October 1, 1945 has been selected as the date on which the agreement ought reasonably to have been implemented. By reason of Article 8 of the Moratorium Proclamation No. 6 of September 13, 1945, I do not think the agreement could, in fact, have been implemented until December 20, 1945, when the exempting order No. 2 was enacted under the Proclamation. That order provided that the restrictions on dealing with any property imposed by Article 8 should terminate "save in any case where any lot or portion of a lot has been or is alleged to have been affected during the period of the Japanese occupation . . . by way of assignment."

In our case, it is not alleged that the property was affected by the purported assignment (or would have been even if it had been authorised by Mr Choy Chuen-kam) since the assignment was never registered. If there was ever any doubt as to the effect of non-registration, under the Moratorium, it was removed by Article 10A of the Moratorium Proclamation as enacted by the Law Amendment (Transitional Provisions) Schedule 1 (Amendment) Order (No. 3) 1947, and it seems, therefore, that the effect of the order was to enable the agreement to be implemented.

It was also reasonable that the agreement should be implemented on that date and I think, therefore, that a claim for rent could be made from that date.

In view of the evidence given by the defendant, he agreed to reduce the claim to rent to the basis of \$120 per month less 20%. But from October 31, 1945 onwards, the premises were presumably subject to rent control and I have no evidence before me as to the standard rent of the premises. In these circumstances, I am unable to assess any damages for loss of rent.

It follows that, in my opinion, the plaintiff is entitled to recover the total sum of \$19,400 and to have the costs of the action.

SIDE GLANCES



"I don't understand politics—he used to get angry at the other party, but now they all got him riled up!"

ENTITLED TO DAMAGES

It follows that the plaintiff is entitled to such damages as are proved.

I deal first with the question of loss of bargain, i.e. the difference between the contract price in the agreement for sale and the actual market value of the property. The plaintiff has selected October 4, 1947—the date on which the agreement was repudiated by Choy Chuen-kam—as the date as of which the market value is to be ascertained and I am of opinion that, in this case, the date of repudiation is the correct date to take. Mr Sheldon cited no authority for the

selection of this date and Mr. Chen did not deal with the point in the course of his argument, but I think the date of repudiation is the proper date in cases where the agreement fixes no date for completion.

The agreement in this case contains certain provisions in connection with matters to be transacted with the Japanese House Registration Office. Notwithstanding these requirements, the vendor had to complete within 7 days of the date on which he was notified by the vendor that a certificate of registration has been obtained. These provisions ceased, of course, to be capable of implementation after the re-occupation but I think the agreement nevertheless continued in force as a binding agreement with no date fixed for performance. Time might have been made of the essence of the agreement by notice but there is no evidence that any such notice was in fact given. There is authority for taking the date of repudiation in *Hallsham*, Vol. 10, p. 129 note (s) and the cases cited and I refer particularly to the case of *York Glass Co. Ltd. v. Jubb*, 134 L. T. 35.

In calculating the amount to be awarded for loss of bargain, it is necessary to decide upon the rate of exchange for the purchase price of Japanese Military Yen 150,000. Mr Sheldon has relied on the rate fixed by the Debtor and Creditor (Occupation Period) Ordinance, 1948, for the month of July, 1945, in which the agreement for sale was signed and amounted his claim accordingly to a claim for \$19,400 for loss of bargain. Mr Chen did not oppose this amendment and did not challenge Mr Sheldon's argument that the rate fixed in the Ordinance would be the appropriate rate to take. No evidence was led as to the rate of exchange and, in the absence of it, I think that the rate fixed in the Ordinance ought to be accepted. I am therefore of opinion that the plaintiff's claim for \$19,400 for loss of bargain succeeds.

IMPORTANT WITNESS

Objecting to the application, Mr D'Alton said that Harris was in the Colony a few days before the present trial began. He submitted the Ordinance did not apply in the case of a witness who had left the Colony during the course of proceedings or while the proceedings were pending. Harris was an important witness and it was of great importance that he should be cross-examined by the defence. The Jury empanelled comprises four men and three women.

Mr Hooton applied to the Court

OBJECTION IN PWD LARCENY CASE DENIED

An objection to Crown Counsel's application for leave to read the deposition of a witness who was absent from the Colony was made by the defence when the P.W.D. Larceny Case continued before Mr Justice Reynolds at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

The objection was overruled by his Lordship and relevant portions of the deposition were read to the Jury.

Accused in the case are Kwok Kwon, 47, foreman, and Austin Spary, 50, electrical inspector, Grade 1, both of the Public Works Department. They are charged on 12 counts, 10 of larceny by public servant, one of obtaining money by false pretences from the steward of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and one of conspiracy to defraud the Government of money.

Mr Percy Chen, instructed by Mr C.A.S. Russ, is appearing for Kwok, and Spary is represented by Mr V.J.L. D'Alton, instructed by Mr P.J. Griffiths. Appearing for the prosecution is Mr A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Chief Insp. J. Johnston, of the Special Branch.

The Jury empanelled comprises four men and three women. Mr Hooton applied to the Court for leave to read the deposition of R. Harris, Manager of Pacific Air Maintenance, Kai Tak, who, he said, had left the Colony, by virtue of Section 29 of the Evidence Ordinance 1889.

Continuing, Mr Hooton said that with regard to Mr D'Alton's statement that there was no opportunity to cross-examine, he referred to the Magistrate's certificate which he said was binding.

Dealing with the next point raised by Mr D'Alton, Crown Counsel said the reason why no hint was given that Harris would not be available was because it was not known that he would not be available. With regard to the knowledge of the Police, naturally one had no control over a witness if he chose to leave the Colony. He said he understood the Police did not know that Harris was leaving. It was in fact not known until the last weekend that he had in fact gone. This section was mandatory, it was a matter of discretion provided the two things were there, namely, that the person was absent and secondly there was an opportunity to cross-examine, that relevant portions of such part as was admissible should be read.

Mr Hooton added that in his submission, the solicitor for the accused was present at the time of the taking of the evidence of Harris and it was not necessary for the purpose of that section that he should be there if the accused himself was present.

THE JUDGE'S RULING

Mr Justice Reynolds agreed with Crown Counsel that the section was mandatory and with regard to the departure of Harris, the conditions set out in that section had been complied with.

There was no doubt that both the accused were present when the deposition was taken and that they or their legal representatives had full opportunity to cross-examine this witness. It was unfortunate that he was absent, and he ruled that relevant portions of the deposition be read.

The relevant portions of the deposition of Harris were then read to the Jury. They stated that Harris was the manager of the Pacific Maintenance in Kai Tak. He knew the second accused. He first met him about January, 1947 at the Kowloon Cricket Club. Nothing was then mentioned about wiring. In May or June, 1948, he had a conversation with the second accused at Kai Tak regarding the wiring of a quonset hut. He asked the second accused if he could put him in to a contractor to do some electrical wiring. He did not know Spary's official position at that time, but knew he was connected with electricity. The second accused said he would see if he could get a contractor. Later the first accused came and he wired the hut to their satisfaction. He had several electricians on the job and he did not know where the material came from. He did not remember seeing the second accused there. The first accused presented a bill and a cheque for \$563.64 was made out. He did not remember to whom he gave the cheque.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Counsel said he understood from the evidence given by C. M. Howe, electrical engineer of Pacific Air Maintenance, yesterday that there was no urgency in regard to Harris' departure. Harris was merely going on a leave of absence of one or two months and he thought it was quite unjustifiable he was allowed to go without the defence being given an opportunity to cross-examine him on the very important statements which he made in relation to the case.

Mr Chen said that he was instructed that during the taking of the evidence of Harris in the lower court Kwok Kwong's legal repres-

entatives was not present, and he was objecting to Crown Counsel's application on that ground.

Mr Hooton in reply said the learned Magistrate kept very careful notes of the proceedings in the lower court, Harris, according to the notes, was called on the first day, and those present in the Court were also carefully recorded. Harris was called immediately after the mid-day adjournment and defence counsel was present as before.

REQUEST GRANTED

Mr Chen and Mr D'Alton here asked the Court if they could have further instructions from their instructing solicitors. The request was granted.

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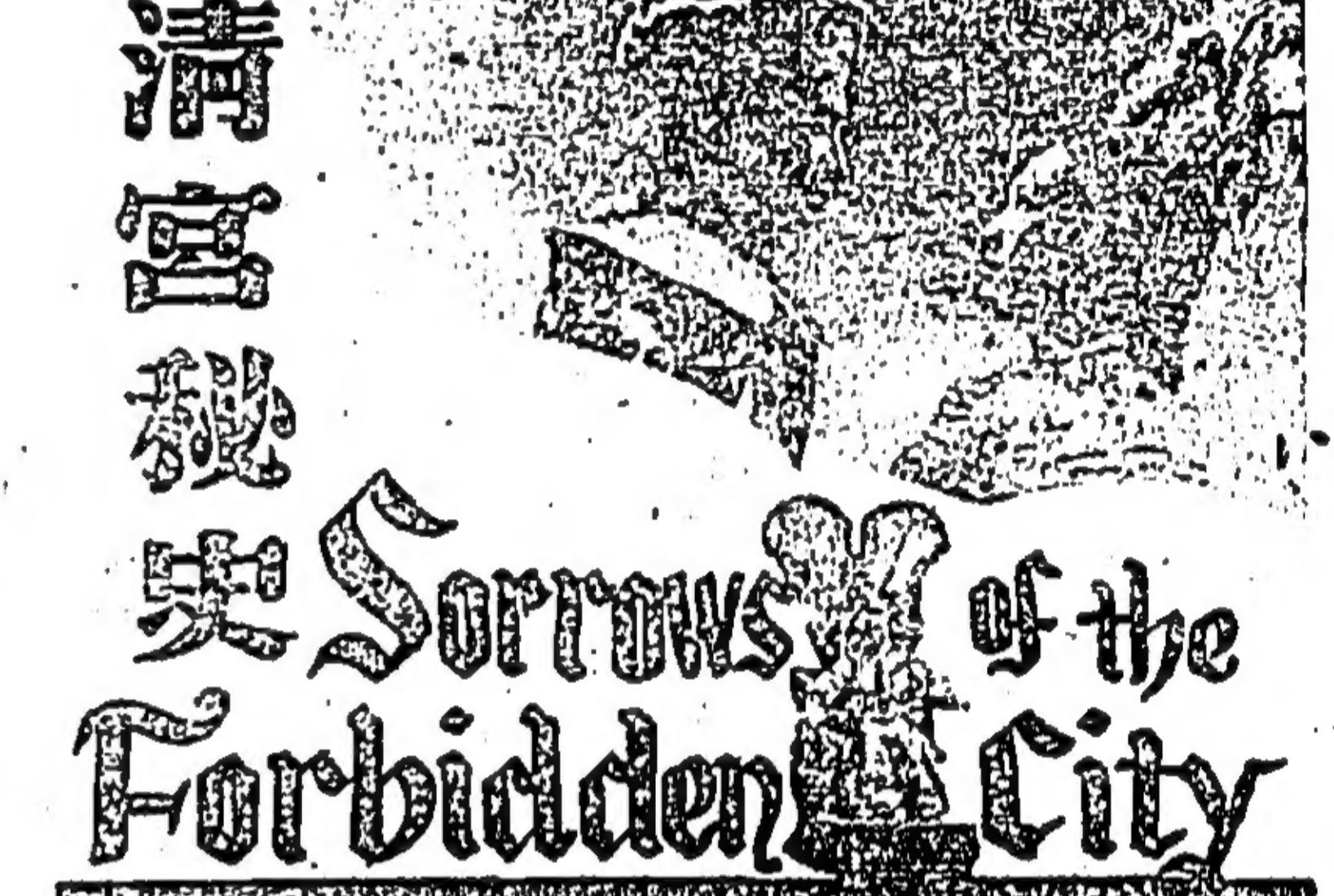


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5. Programme Summary: 6.01 "From the Film"; 6.20 "La Demi-Lieure" (France); 7. "World News and News Analysis" (London Relay); 7.15, "The Masquerade" (London Relay); 7.30, "Dinner" (London Relay); Presented by Paul Stuart (Studio); 8. "From the Editorials" (London Relay);

8.00 "University Programme: Pure and Applied Science"; 8.15 "No. 1 Physique"; 8.30 "Concerto" Schumann Concerto in A Minor, Op. 128 for Cello & Orchestra, Gregor Piatigorsky (Cello), with the Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra; 8.45 "Cello Light Orchestra and John McHugh (Tenor); 8.55 "Book Review: Catherine Scott-Moncrieff" (Studio); 9.00 "Crime, Mystery and Detection"; 9.15 "The Thin Man"; 9.30 "Max Keiser, with Maureen Wayne and Basil Radford" (IBCTS); 10. Radio Newsreel (London Relay); 10.15 "Weather Report" (London Relay); 10.30 "Circus Parade" (London Relay); 10.45 "Programme of Continuous Music"; 10.45 "Weather Report" (London Relay); 10.55 "Close Down".

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The trial is proceeding.

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The police learned of the second

party during their inquiries into

eight deaths after the Blackhill party.—Reuters.

ENGLAND v. SOUTH AFRICA

THIRD TEST MATCH ENDS IN A DRAW

Capetown, Jan. 5.—The third cricket Test between England and South Africa ended today in a draw. South Africa, needing 229 runs in two hours to win after England had declared at 276 for three, were 142 for four wickets when play ended.

South Africa made an early effort to score quickly, but after losing three wickets for 83—two of them off successive balls from Jenkins—who retired with an injury, was a big blow, and Athol Rowan tried under the great amount of work he was called upon to do.

The England batsmen took advantage of this and once a start had been reached, they went for the runs and allowed the England captain to declare. Len Hutton and Jack Crapp paved the way for this burst of scoring with a second wicket stand of 184.

When the game resumed this morning, South Africa still stood in a good position, but the early loss of Norman Mann, their left arm bowler, who retired with an injury, was a big blow, and Athol Rowan tried under the great amount of work he was called upon to do.

The England batsmen took advantage of this and once a start had been reached, they went for the runs and allowed the England captain to declare.

George Mann was justified in his course of action when he introduced his spin bowlers into the attack as the South Africans were tired after two Tests in a week and their batting had the notorious habit of collapsing if the first few men were dismissed cheaply.

This could have happened when Jenkins came on and the batsmen were attempting to go for the runs on a wicket which was giving the bowlers a fair amount of help, but too many runs were given away in the first half hour and Mann was forced to delay the introduction of Jenkins until an hour had gone by.

RISKY BATTING

Some loose bowling by Alec Bedser cost England 11 runs in the first over of South Africa's second innings. Both opening batsmen seemed intent on scoring quickly if possible, and both took risks.

In half an hour the total reached 38. Brilliant fielding and Gladwin's accurate bowling were mainly responsible for restricting South Africa's total to 58 in the first hour. Gladwin conceded only 17 runs in seven overs up to that point.

The batsmen grew reckless in their attempt to score fast and this cost the wicket of Melville, Wynne and Wade, the latter two in successive balls from Jenkins at 83.

Then came Mitchell and he and Nourse immediately went on the defensive. By staying together for half an hour, they made a draw certain. At 132, Nourse was dismissed, providing Jenkins with his fourth wicket of the innings.

Eight minutes were left for play when Dawson joined Mitchell and the two played out time.

EARLIER PLAY

More cautious batting on the fourth and last day of the Test match carried England to comparative safety and at lunch England were 165 for three and led South Africa by 117 runs.

Most of the early scoring was done by Len Hutton, who was bowled by Rowan at 87 after batting for three hours and 33 minutes. His second wicket partnership with Jack Crapp, who was out for 54 in the last over before lunch after batting three and a half hours, realised 134 runs.

Norman Mann, the South African left-arm slow bowler, limped during his first few overs this morning and after half an hour left the field.

The pitch, which was known before play, did not give the same help to the pace bowlers as it did on Saturday and the batsmen looked more at ease against McCarthy and Dawson, who took over from the slow bowlers.

THE SCOREBOARD

The final scorecard read:

ENGLAND	308
1st innings	100
2nd innings	87
Hutton, b Rowan, c Mitchell, b McCarthy	54
Crapp, c Wade, b McCarthy	51
Compton, not out	64
Watkins, not out	11
Extras	276
for three declared	

Bowling:

O M R W	
McCarthy	20 2 75 0
Dawson	13 3 33 0
Mann	15 5 27 0
Rowan	30 5 65 1
Hutton	11 7 31 0
Mitchell	7 1 34 0
Extras	142 for four

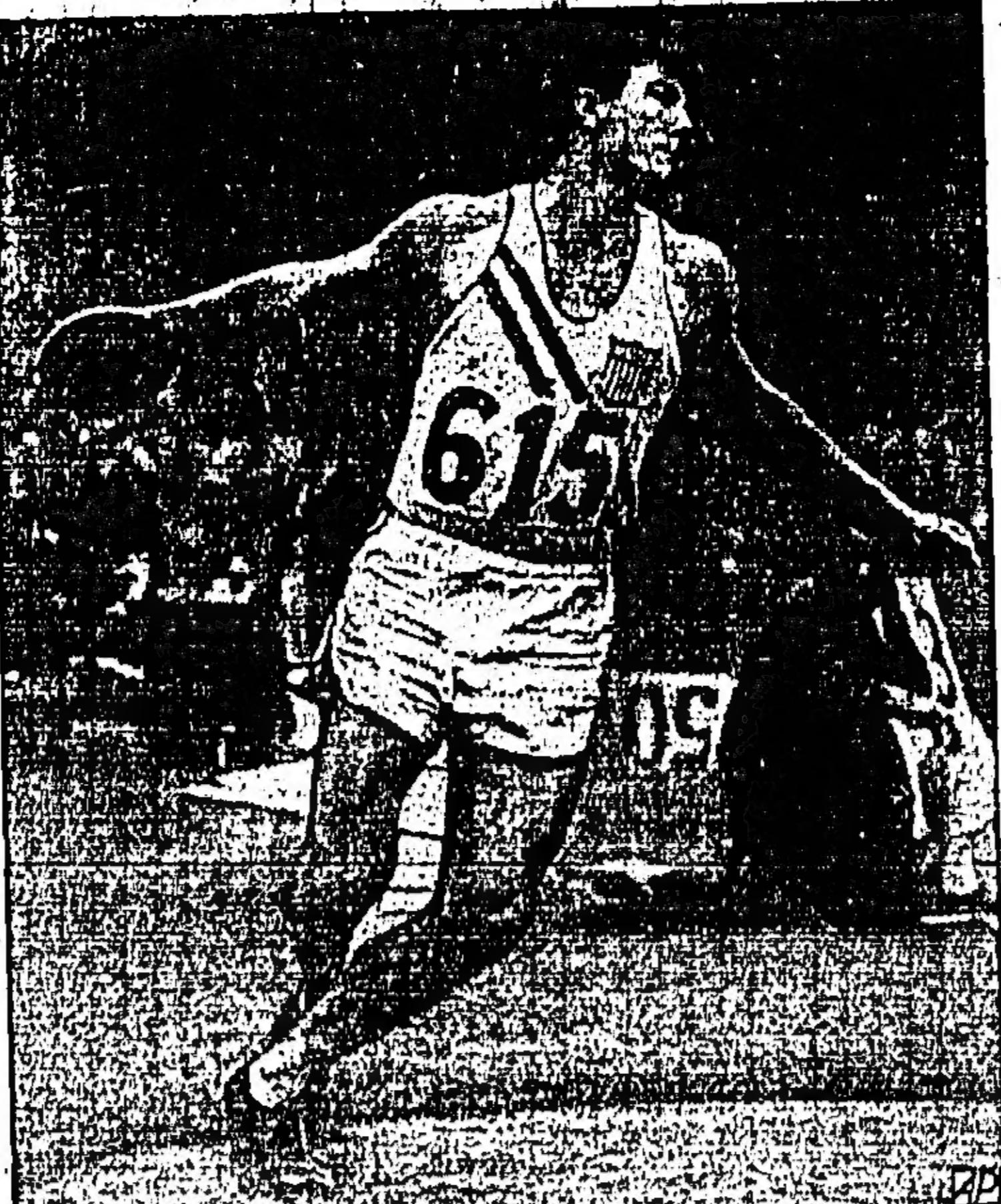
SOUTH AFRICA

350	
1st innings	100
2nd innings	40
Wynne, c Bedser, b Jenkins	24
Melville, c Evans, b Jenkins	11
Wade, c Evans, b Jenkins	34
Nourse, c Evans, b Jenkins	20
Mitchell, not out	5
Dawson, not out	2
Extras	142 for four

Bowling:

O M R W	
Bedser	7 0 40 0
Gladwin	10 2 27 0
Jenkins	9 0 48 0
Compton	3 1 7 0
Watkins	2 0 10 0
—Reuter	

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



Death Of Old-Time Cricketer

London, Jan. 5.—Alfred John Attfield, one of the oldest ex-professional cricketers in the country—a man who in his youth battled with Dr W. G. Grace for Gloucester and later umpired Test matches, has died at his home in Caterham, Surrey.

Attfield began his cricket career in 1887 when, after a period with Surrey, he joined Gloucester, later to bat against Surrey with the doctor.

He joined the staff at Lord's in 1889 and a few years later went to South Africa as a coach. Back in England in 1903 with the MCC, he was married one June morning at 10 a.m. and went on to Lord's to make a not-out celebration century before lunch.

In 1914 he had earned a reputation as a coach in South Africa and inspired four Test matches in the John Douglas tour. In 1921, then a veteran of cricket, he umpired several games of the Australian tour in this country.

Among his first class cricketing feats were the taking of five wickets with five balls and four consecutive innings totalling 668, being once out.—Reuter.

Colony Team To Play Koreans

The following have been selected to represent Hongkong against the Koreans on Sunday, at the Caroline Hill ground:

Yue Yiu-tak (SCAA); Hau Yung-sang (SCAA); Tsui Kam-hung (SCAA); Sung Ling-sing (SCAA); D. Leonard (St Joseph's); Lau Chung-sang (SCAA); Ng King-chung (SCAA); Cheung Kam-hoi (SCAA); Tang Yee-kit (KMB); W. Kieran (Club); Lee Fal-tai (KMB).

Reserves—Tang Sum (KMB); Chu Wing-keung (SCAA); Xavier (St Joseph's); Mullen (Club); Chan Kam-pui (CAA); Lee Chun-fat (KMB).

Team Manager, Mr K. K. Ip; Trainer, Mr Eric Keen.

Players and reserves are requested to report to the Manager in the dressing room at 3 p.m.

Club secretaries are requested to inform the Hon. Secretary before Saturday, whether the players of their respective clubs will or will not be available.

SHIELD MATCHES

The following changes in the Senior Division Shield games on Saturday are notified:

Kitchen v. Eastern, Caroline Hill ground, 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

South China "A" v. South China "B", Caroline Hill ground, postponed.

CRICKET TEAMS

The Club de Recreio team against Craigenpohl in the First Division League cricket match on Saturday, commencing at 1.45 p.m. at Happy Valley, will be:

A. M. Prate (Capt.), P. M. Nolasco da Silva, Jr., Dr A. M. Rodrigues, Dr E. L. Gosano, B. T. Gosano, L. G. Gosano, G. N. Gosano, A. P. Pereira, N. A. Beltrão, L. Vieira and J. L. S. Alves; Umpire: A. V. Gossano.

All players are requested to meet at Club Lusitano at 1 p.m.

IRC 1ST XI

The IRC team against Kowloon Cricket Club in the First Division League match at Sooknupong on Saturday, commencing at 1.45 p.m., will be A. R. Abbas (Capt.), A. el Arculli, A. K. Ismail, S. A. Ismail, S. H. Khan, A. H. Mular, A. R. Kitchell, K. Nazarin, I. M. Omar, M. I. Razack and A. R. Sufiuddin; Umpire: G. M. Bütt; Scorer: A. M. Wahab.

OPTIMISTS

The HKCC Optimists team in the First Division League match at Chater Road against the Army on Saturday, commencing at 1.45 p.m., will be D. L. Kilbey (Capt.), D. McLellan, G. Row, T. P. Mahon, K. A. Miller, N. R. Oliver, R. W. Franklin, A. S. Eason, M. M. Little, A. L. Smith, A. E. Perry and W. J. Singer (twelfth man).

IRC 2ND XI

The following have been selected to represent the team in the league match against KCC on Saturday, at 1.45 p.m., playing away—A. H. Tinkar, I. Ali, S. Alon, T. A. Elbishi, S. K. Ham, A. A. Khalil, S. A. A. Wahab, J. A. M. Barker, A. R. Razack, A. Ebrahim, A. M. Rumjahn, Twelfth man Y. Mollwah; Scorer: T. H. Barman.

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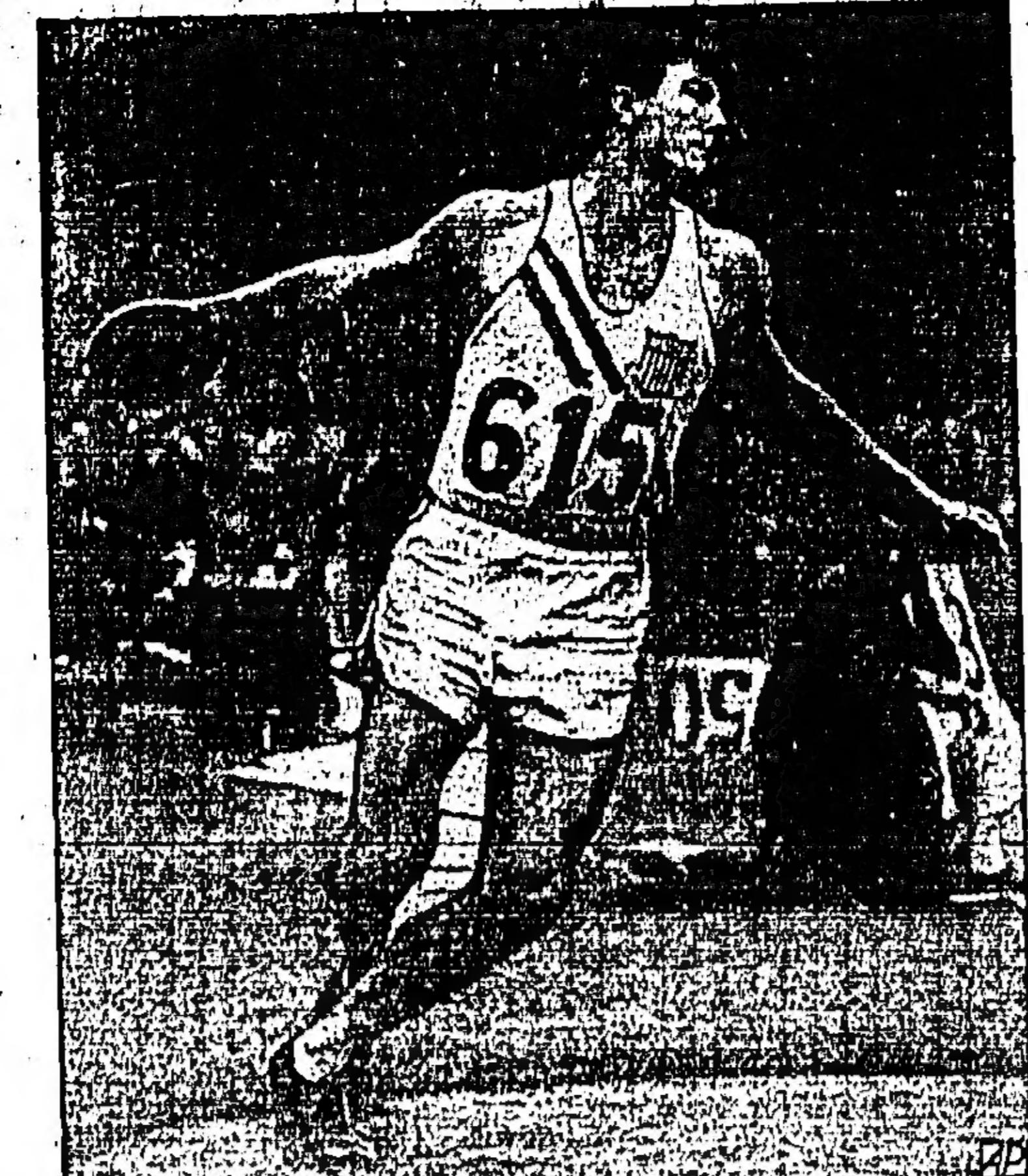
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ATHLETE OF THE YEAR



FRANK BUTLER'S COLUMN

MORE NOMINATIONS FOR SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

With the New Year past us, this seems to be as good a time as any to nominate the British sportsman of the year. No. 1 position goes to Freddie Mills, the fighter regarded as "washed-up" in 1947, when he was flattened by Lloyd Marshall.

Freddie is placed top of the tree by reason of an all-conquering year in which he crushed the champions of Spain, Scotland and South Africa, and also became the first British-born fighter to win the world's light-heavyweight championship since Bob Fitzsimmons held the title in 1903.

In taking this title from Gus Lesnevich, Mills confounded eight fans everywhere, who believed he had no chance.

You can never keep that little man who always looks as though he should have a horse between his legs far away from the top of a champion's list. Gordon Richards remained unchallenged as a jockey. He took the jockey championship for the 21st time with 224 winners.

Stanley Matthews came right back as the greatest footballer of them all. At the end of 1947, it was Stanley Mortensen who was the up-and-coming champion, but the old Wizard of Dribble is playing better than ever this season, and there just isn't anything on two feet to touch him.

Fourth place goes jointly to the veteran oarsmen, John Hearne, Tucker Wilson and William George Ronald Mundell Laurie, who won the coxswainless pairs over 1,180 metres (beating the Swiss and Italians) in the Olympic Games at Henley.

NOW MAUREEN

A gal breaks into the sportsmen's list because between 70,000 and 80,000 spectators at Wembley would gladly have hugged pretty Maureen Gardner that afternoon in August when she finished only a couple of inches behind Dutch wonder-woman Blankers-Koen in the 80 metres hurdles final. Both girls clocked 11.2 to shatter the world as well as the Olympic record.

Henry Cotton, the old Emperor of Swing, certainly wins my golf award by coming back to win the British Open for the third time. The Americans were cock-a-hoop, and it looked like another golfing holiday for the Yanks until our Henry became really hot.

Denis Compton, without producing the dazzling form of 1947, was in all five Tests against Australia, topping England's batting average with 62.44, hit a fighting 154 at Nottingham after being knocked out and 145 not out at Manchester.

Joe Davis, remains unchallenged as snooker, but having retired as undefeated world champion is no longer engaged in championship play.

5-MILE RECORD

Harry Churcher is walking better than ever, as was proved by his world record five-mile walk at Moulsecoomb Park in 35m. 43s.

Allister McCorqudale, the ex-Guardsman, has become No. 1 sprinter. He was fourth in the final of the Olympic 100 metres—the first world runner behind the three great coloured sprinters.

Apart from Freddie Mills, we must admit that boxing talent is now stirring point-in-Britain. True, Rinty Monaghan holds the world's flyweight title but how long would Rinty have lasted with great champions like Benny Lynch, Jimmy Doyle, or Peter Kane?

Lord Queensberry, whose grandfather founded the Queensberry Rules, deplores the lack of boxing talent—not only in Britain, but also in America and throughout the world.

He told me that boxing could do with the National Sporting Club, with which he was closely connected until it went into liquidation in 1941.

"I feel the club did great work for boxing as a whole by encouraging youngsters and putting on shows at reasonable prices," said Lord Queensberry.

Athletic Prodigy

A 15-year-old Sydney schoolboy, Peter Cox, is a phenomenal all-round athlete, according to Mr D. Adamson, chief judge of the New South Wales Amateur Athletic Association.

Cox is 5 ft. 7 ins. tall and weighs only 9 st. 12 lbs. He has been chosen to compete in the State athlete trials on January 8.

In his first season in inter-club athletics Cox has not been beaten over 100 yds and 220 yds, for runners under 17 years of age, has cleared 21 ft. 5 ins. in a broad jump, and covered 45 ft. 11 ins. in a hop-step-jump.

Welfare Committee For Soccer Professionals

London, Jan. 5.—A joint committee is to be set up to deal with all problems affecting the welfare of professional players in the Football League.

This was decided at a meeting here of delegates from the Football Association, the Football League and the Players' Union. After the meeting, Mr James Fay, the secretary of the Union, said: "This is the biggest progress made in the 41 years' history of the Players' Union.

For the first time we have a joint committee, and much can be done."

One of the first tasks of the joint committee will be to consider an share of benefit that would be provided for at the end of their careers."

A discussion of the Players' Union's former demand for a new form of contract allowing professionals to leave their clubs freely after three years has been deferred until the proposed provident schemes have been fully explored.

Today's meeting was conducted along amicable lines, and when it was over the Chairman, Mr A. Brook Hirst, stated: "The goodwill of all parties has led to considerable progress being made towards an improvement in the welfare of the players."—Reuter.

Arsenal Loses Its Chairman

London, Jan. 6.—Sir Samuel Hill-Wood, Chairman of Arsenal Football Club, died yesterday, aged 75. He was a former Conservative member of Parliament.—Associated Press.

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FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

•McKENNEY
ON BRIDGEUsual Play Will
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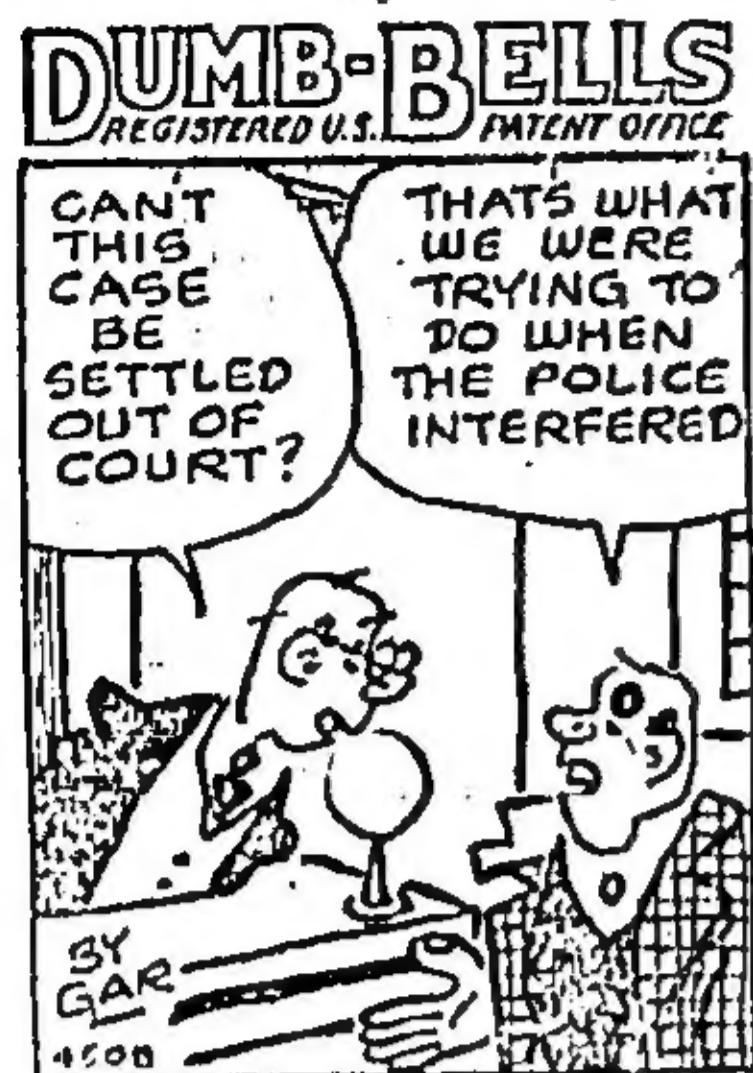
By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

WHILE in Chicago I had the pleasure of meeting Mardon, the magician, and his charming wife. I like tricks and do not mind being fooled by them, but these two had a stunt that I never will be able to fathom.

I shuffled a deck, dealt myself 13 cards and sorted them out. Mrs Mardon, blindfolded, slowly and carefully named every card in my hand. It is true that Mardon stood behind me, but I assure you he did not say enough to indicate to her the cards that I held.

Do I think there was a trick in it? Yes, I do, but I admit that it was an amazing to me as the elephant that Houdini produced on the stage when I was a youngster.

Later Mardon went around the room, pointing to a tie, a necklace, and other articles and Mrs Mardon named them. Still blindfolded, she



RECORDED MUSIC:

THE FIRST SYMPHONY
OF DARIUS MILHAUD

By DELOS SMITH

COLUMBIA has given Darius Milhaud's First Symphony the permanency of a fine recording. It is one of unquestionable authority, because it is the composer himself conducting the Columbia Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra (four 12-in. alb.).

Commissioned by the Chicago Symphony for its 50th anniversary, Milhaud composed the work in the last month of 1939—difficult months emotionally for any Frenchman, what with a new war getting underway. Yet the travail is not reflected in the score, which is predominantly pastoral in mood, as though through it the composer escaped actuality.

He is a bold artist, however, and he speaks out boldly, in his own voice. That you can say of his First Symphony with complete confidence. You can't say it is a master work in the form or suggest it will become an everlasting part of the repertoire. It is improvisational and often tentative.

Tanglewood Bach

Fifth in the series of Bach concertos recorded in the Tanglewood, (Answers on Column 4)

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BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

King Nep Had Had Complaints

—Not Everyone Liked the Brook Frozen—

By MAX TRELL



King Nep was breaking the ice with his trident.

read the serial numbers on dollar bills from the pockets of members of her audience.

Of course, we played a few hands of bridge, and my magician friend played this one as if he were looking at all of the cards. He won the opening lead of the queen of clubs with the king and led the five of diamonds.

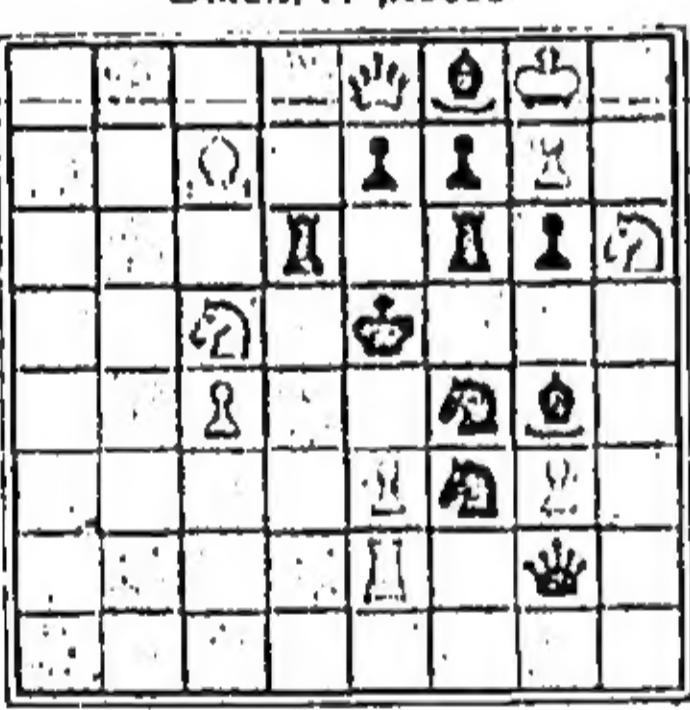
West played the seven-spot, and I am sure that most bridge players would make the mistake of winning this trick in dummy with the queen of diamonds. Then they would lose the contract. Mardon played the deuce and let West hold the trick.

Now, regardless of what West and East did, Mardon was sure to take five diamond tricks, two hearts and two clubs.

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. K. ELWORTHY

Black, 11 pieces



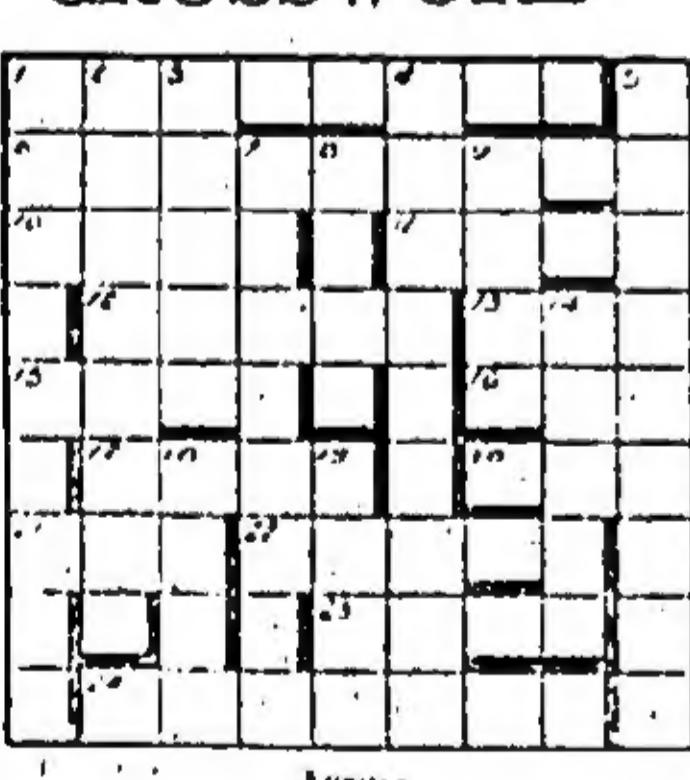
White, 10 pieces.

White to play and mate in two

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, R-QR1; any; 2, Q, B or K1 mates.

CROSSWORD



MR TRUMAN ASKS FOR A "FAIR DEAL"

Sweeping Reforms

Washington, Jan. 5.—President Harry Truman called on the democratic 81st U.S. Congress on Wednesday for a "fair deal" programme—a vast extension of social and economic legislation in the direction pointed by the Roosevelt new deal.

To help finance it, he urged a \$4,000,000,000 increase in taxes, aimed chiefly at corporations. Further big boosts in taxes would result if the whole Truman programme were enacted.

It provides, among other things, for bigger social security benefits, prepaid medical and health insurance, 1,000,000 new public housing units in seven years, and extensive aid to education.

Among other recommendations that stood out in the "State of the Union" address were:

Power to impose sweeping economic controls including curbs on some wages and prices, authority to build steel plants and other factories if deemed necessary to overcome shortages, repeal of the Taft-Hartley labour law, universal military training, aid to farmers, and civil rights laws.

NOT ALL UNANIMITY

Thirty-seven separate bursts of applause rang out in the packed House of Representatives chamber where Representatives and Senators heard the speech. But all was not unanimity, by any means.

Southerners sat on their hands as he called for the civil rights pro-

DARING SEA RESCUE

London, Jan. 5.—Dr Hugh Love, of Patrington, near Hull, stood on a gale-swept beach at the mouth of the Humber with a few yards of his patient but was unable to help him.

His only protection from the gale was a borrowed, bent and soldier's gas cape. His patient was William Bell, aged 47, of Grimsby, one of the crew of 11 of the trawler Devon.

Bell was seriously injured during the gale when caught between two hawsers four days out from Grimsby. The vessel was headed for home at full speed but ran aground.

An SOS for the doctor was sent by hand signal from the trawler but the local doctor could not be reached as the gale had blown down telephone wires.

Dr Love, brought from Hull in a police car, waded long and again into the sea but was driven back by the surf. Eventually, after two hours, he reached the trawler and was hauled on board.

The doctor and a fisherman hauled Bell in a blanket and linen sling. They were unable to pass him through the narrow companionway so the chief engineer broke the doorway down.

Bell was then lowered over the side to the launch—the right one being beaten by a few minutes. Reuter.

SHANGHAI DPs TO LEAVE BY AIR

Shanghai, Jan. 6.—Plane shuttles to airdrop displaced persons to Israel under the auspices of the American-Jewish Joint Distribution Committee and the local Palestine Office of the Jewish Agency will start on January 8. It was reported today.

Three planes will be engaged in a shuttle service between Shanghai and Israel and the one-way trip is expected to take four days. Each plane will take 60 passengers. Reuter.

NEW OIL STRIKE

Algiers, Jan. 5.—Borings about 650 metres deep have revealed a new oilfield about 10 kilometres from the Oued Béth region of Morocco between Rabat and Meknes. Reuter.

Kurusu's Daughter In U.S.



The former Pia Kurusu, daughter of "Pearl Harbour Envoy" Saburo Kurusu, is shown on arrival in Seattle, Wash., with her husband, ex-Army Lt. Frank K. White, formerly of Somers, Pa. They are going to Dayton, O., but don't know where they will live. Mrs. White, whose mother was an American, proudly said she made the hat herself. —AP Picture.

Fine Morale Helps To Create Record Berlin Airlifts

Wiesbaden, Jan. 5.—Major-General William H. Tunner, boss of the Berlin airlift, today denied that morale in his command is low, and pointed to the tonnage record to prove his claim.

In an interview, General Tunner whipped out reams of performance records to show that his Anglo-American task force, instead of suffering from low morale, is flying more goods than ever into blockaded Berlin.

The 42-year-old air transport specialist said his boys made "splendid record—and you do not make a splendid record with bad morale. You may make a mediocre record but it takes fine morale to go beyond an average job."

During the last week of 1948, when the daily tonnage target stood at below 4,500, and 11 pilots flew in a daily average of 5,780 tons, General Tunner pointed out.

BENEFITS FOR ALL

Mr. Truman said an aim of the nation should be to create wealth "for the benefit of all."

"We have rejected the discredited theory that the fortunes of the nation should be in the hands of a privileged few," he said. "We have abandoned the 'trickle down' concept of national prosperity."

Jammed galleries heard the message and the four major radio networks carried it to millions of listeners across the land.

The bespectacled President declared it in the familiar dry Missouri accent which became known to millions last summer and autumn. He said he was happy to report that "the state of the union is good," and he sought to ease nervous qualms against government interference with business by declaring:

"The Government is firmly committed to protect business and the people against the dangers of recession and against the evils of inflation."

FOREIGN POLICY

Touching on foreign policy, Mr. Truman said that in the European Recovery Programme, the good neighbour policy and the United Nations, "we have begun to batter down these national walls which block the economic growth and the social advancement of the peoples of the world."

He continued:

"We believe that if we hold resolutely to this course, the principle of international co-operation will eventually command the approval even of those nations which are now seeking to weaken or subvert it."—Associated Press.

LABOUR'S PROMISE

Washington, Jan. 5.—The Congress of Industrial Organisations and the American Federation of Labour promised that once the Taft-Hartley Act had been repealed they would accept new restrictions.

Terminating President Truman's message today "constructive," both the CIO President, Philip Murray, and the AFL President, William Green, said they would work closely with the administration and Congress to put the White House programme into effect.

In his message, Mr. Truman asked Congress for quick repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and a return to the old Wagner labour law which first gave labour the right to bargain collectively, but the President said Congress should amend the Wagner Act to prohibit strikes that would tie up "vital industries which affect public interest."—United Press.

More And More Heroin Being Used

UNITED NATIONS' CONCERN

Lake Success, Jan. 5.—The United Nations Permanent Central Opium Board today expressed concern over the alarming increase in world use of heroin and said doctors were to blame in many countries.

In a report to United Nations Headquarters from Geneva, the Board said 12 of 22 countries which were the heaviest users of heroin had raised consumption since 1930.

It said that five highest per capita users in the world were Finland, Italy, New Zealand, Sweden and Australia.

The report said Finland's consumption in 1947 was 300 percent greater than in 1930, while Italy was using 50 percent more, "or seven times the per capita consumption of France, where the quantity consumed has dropped to one-half."

POPULAR RUGS

"Rugs are popular with medical men in some countries because it is simple to administer, and quickly alleviates pain and cough," the report continued. "On account of its habit-forming power, doctors in many countries sought and found efficient and comparatively harmless substitutes. The Board believes doctors in certain other countries may either be insufficiently acquainted with these results of modern research, or else far too lax in regard to the dangerous consequences that may follow the prescription of heroin."

It said the problem was so serious, the Board had referred the matter to the World Health Organisation, whose experts on narcotic drugs are scheduled to meet late this month in Geneva.

The Board pointed out that in 25 countries, including the United States and American-controlled Japan, "heroin is not used at all."—United Press.

MUSIC HALL SHOWS

Entertainment—British music hall shows are brought in each week to augment the four daily movies. More than \$20,000 of the European Command money have been allotted to the building of recreational facilities. Shotguns and ammunition for hunting have been shipped to the base situated in a wooded area several hours drive from the nearest city.

Because of dullness produced by isolation Fasseberg once was a "difficult place," the airlift chief conceded. But his personal assistants have convinced him that it is "rapidly becoming a typical base" producing more than one-quarter of the Berlin airlift tonnage.

General Tunner added occasional leave and the adoption of rotation policy on airlift men have boosted morale. A six to seven month duty for flying personnel brought over here specially for the airlift enabled them to return to their home base, he explained. There is no final pay-off on men who are serving their regular three-year duty in Europe according to General Tunner.—United Press.

London, Jan. 5.—Men's seamless socks, woven in endless chains and linked together with material which dissolves in washing, are on show at the Science and Wool Exhibition in London.—Reuter.

Existing Marshall Aid Plan To End In 1952

Washington, Jan. 5.—The Marshall Plan will not be continued in its present form beyond 1952 despite the estimated heavy dollar deficit of Europe at that stage in its recovery, the Economic Co-operation Administration said today.

Mr. Richard Bissell, special assistant to Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, the Marshall Plan Administrator, told a press conference that probably some of the participating countries "would merit further assistance in some form" in 1953 but the overall plan "will end on schedule."

The Office of European Economic Co-operation have estimated Western Europe's dollar deficit after 1952 at a minimum of \$1,000 million.

Mr. Bissell said: "I see in the OEEC report no evidence whatever indicating a need of the European Recovery Programme as such beyond the time that has been discussed and assumed."

"The objectives of a comprehensive programme for this large group of nations can, we believe, be accomplished in the time originally set."

FOUR-YEAR PLAN

He added that some countries—such as Greece, Austria and Western Germany—might well need further assistance after 1952 but it was impossible to say whether such aid would be forthcoming or in what form it would be granted.

Mr. Bissell said the four-year plan drawn up by the OEEC "corresponds in important respects to our hopes and desires. It has crystallised the issues and indicated the direction that national policies must take."

Mr. Bissell said it would not even be assumed that ERP would last for four years. That was up to Congress to decide year by year.

Mr. Bissell said the ECA would begin presenting the coming year's funds to Congress in the last week of January. It would request funds "in the general area of" the \$4,375 million asked for by the European nations.

The exact figure would be fixed in the next four days or so and would have to be cleared by other Government agencies and approved by President Truman before being made public.

Mr. Bissell said that in its presentation to Congress the ECA would indicate "some pessimism" about the ability of certain European countries to become self-supporting by 1952.—Reuter.

WAR CRIMES VERDICTS REVERSED

Frankfurt, Jan. 5.—Responsible officials today said three Germans sentenced in 1946 to hang and eight sentenced to life imprisonment for taking part in the massacre of American prisoners of war at Malmedy during the Battle of the Bulge had been found not guilty.

The 11 men are still in Landsberg prison although the reversed decision apparently was made early last year. Officials said General Lucius Clay, American Military Governor in Germany, approved reversal of the verdicts of the United States War Crimes Tribunal.

In Berlin, General Clay said he had not taken any action in cases "since last March." He said "in the spring" he reviewed cases and "I commuted a number of death sentences and reduced the prison sentences of several others."

NOT SUSTAINED

A memorandum from Washington, dated October 27, 1948, has been received here. It said General Clay approved the findings of the review board that "the evidence did not sustain their convictions... which is in effect equivalent to a finding of no guilty."

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